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12 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director Research and Reports

THROUGH : Chief, Economic Research, ORR

THROUGH : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM : Chief, Aircraft Branch, D/I

SUBJECT : Dissemination of ORR Research Reports entitled  
Quarterly Estimate of Production of Aircraft  
in the Sino-Soviet Bloc (TS)

1. This series of reports was first published in the second quarter of 1955 to satisfy consumer requests, within ORR and ONE, for the most recent estimates of aircraft production in the Bloc. Publication of the report has continued on a quarterly basis since that time. However, no official inter-agency coordination has been attempted, and no dissemination of the report outside of CIA has been made.

2. These studies have given the Office of National Estimates a better perspective regarding Soviet Aviation, an understanding that has been reflected in National Estimates in recent years. It is suggested that these quarterly reports could also be used to keep the other USIB agencies aware of CIA position in these matters.

3. In making this suggestion it is realized that the Department of Defense has the primary responsibility for the production of military economic intelligence; nevertheless, it is believed that a full and free interchange of all pertinent information between all agencies concerned with a subject as important as Soviet aircraft production is essential.

4. It should be noted that some of the estimates appearing in these reports are different from those carried by the USAF (AFCIN). On the basis of past experience it is very unlikely that these estimates could be coordinated with AFCIN.

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5. It is recommended that in the future this publication be disseminated to the USIB agencies; and also to [REDACTED] and that it carry a paragraph stating that the estimates are not official, they have not been coordinated with AFICIN nor approved by USIB.

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